

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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SKYLINE RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Plaintiff-Counterclaim-Defendant,

-against-

YANNIS LEGAKIS and LACONIC
RISK SOLUTIONS,

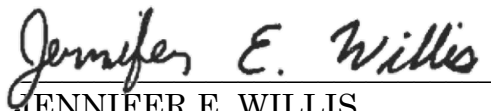
Defendants-Counter-Claimants.

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JENNIFER E. WILLIS, United States Magistrate Judge:

On October 7, 2022, the Parties filed a joint request for a Rule 16 conference to address the issue of whether certain documents constitute trade secrets. Dkt. No. 154. As stated in the letter, this concerns a “question of what constitutes a trade secret.” *Id.* This question, legal in nature and perhaps dispositive of certain claims, is not appropriately before this Court via Rule 16.¹ Rather, this would be more properly addressed in a motion pursuant to Rule 56. Such a motion would properly be before the District Judge, or this Court if the Parties consent to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York
October 14, 2022


JENNIFER E. WILLIS
United States Magistrate Judge

¹ The case cited by the Parties in their letter, *Huebner v. Midland Credit Mgmt., Inc.*, No. 14-cv-6046, 2015 WL 1966280 (E.D.N.Y. May 1, 2015) is not persuasive, as it does not discuss the purpose of a Rule 16 conference except with respect to the requirement of good faith participation as set forth in 16(f).